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SUBJECT: ANKARA MEDIA REACTION REPORT

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THIS REPORT WILL PRESENT A TURKISH PRESS SUMMARY UNDER  
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Sweden Cries For Lindh - Milliyet  
Lindh and Palme Shared the Same Destiny - Hurriyet  
Israel Decides to Send Arafat to Exile - Sabah  
PKK/KADEK Bargaining Starts With US Delegation - Sabah  
Chalabi Says US is Authorized to Invite Turkish Troops -  
Hurriyet

#### OPINION MAKERS

Sweden in Shock, Europe Mourns - Radikal  
Chalabi Says Decision for Troop Deployment UN Responsibility  
- Radikal  
PM Erdogan Postpones Visit to Iran - Cumhuriyet  
Chalabi: Turkish Troop Deployment is US' Decision -  
Cumhuriyet  
Iraqi Council Members in Ankara - Yeni Safak  
Babacan: No Troop Condition for \$8.5 billion Credit - Yeni  
Safak

#### BRIEFING

Iraqi Interim Government Members in Ankara: Papers report that representatives of the Iraqi interim government, headed by Ahmet Chalabi, arrived in Ankara yesterday. Following his meeting at the Foreign Ministry, Chalabi was asked whether or not he wants to see Turkish troops in Iraq. Chalabi responded by saying that his previous negative comments on the issue reflected his 'personal opinion,' which did not necessarily reflect the view of the interim government. Chalabi said that the US, not the Council, has the authority to decide on this issue. According to "Zaman," Chalabi said that the interim government's responsibility is not to invite troops but to ensure the sovereignty of the Iraqi people. "NTV" reported Chalabi as saying that "the Turkish Government has given us a guarantee that Turkish troops will not be sent unless Iraq wants them."

PM Erdogan Postpones Visit to Iran: "Cumhuriyet" reports that PM Erdogan has postponed a visit to Iran that had been scheduled for late September. The paper notes that the reason for this decision was Iran's refusal to undertake any action against the PKK/KADEK.

#### EDITORIAL OPINION: 9/11: Second Anniversary

"Not only a US responsibility"

Sami Kohen wrote in mass appeal Milliyet (9/12): "During the last two years, global terrorism has increased despite the US declared war against terrorism. The world is no longer a secure place, and remains subject to the threat of terrorism. Al Qaeda is still operating, and Usama Bin-Ladin is still alive. The US is living under the threat of a new 9/11. . It is true that the policies shaped by the Bush administration are one of the main reasons for this negative picture. However, this alone should not make us forget an important reality: Terrorism is a big and serious threat not only to the US but also to the rest of the world. . At this stage, the whole world should feel responsible for dealing with the terrorism problem by implementing effective and timely measures against it. Terrorism is an enemy of the

whole world, and we never know where and when it will strike. The fight against terrorism is such a vital issue that it should not be left to the US to deal with it alone."

"September 11: Two Years Later"

Haluk Ulman wrote in the economic-political Dunya (9/12):  
"Two years later, the picture we now have does not provide much room for optimism. The Bush administration began its campaign by arguing that it could eliminate international terrorism and make the world a more secure place to live. Yet the campaign has been conducted against the rest of the world, and these unilateral policies of the US have not produced any results. The current situation in both Iraq and Afghanistan, which hints at a broader wave of terrorism, is enough reason to be pessimistic. . Moreover, the allegation about Iraq's link with international terrorism has not been proved, but Iraq has now been turned into an operational base for terrorists following the US invasion. . One of the most valuable gains after 9/11 could have been the formation of a US-led international coalition against terrorism. However, the Bush administration has not used this chance -- in fact, it has squandered it."

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